

The Field Stevens House
Fieldsboro, Burlington County, New Jersey

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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The Field Stevens House
Fieldsboro, Burlington County, New Jersey

Owner: Mrs. Elizabeth R. Hendrickson Douglas

Date of Erection: About 1725

Architect:

Builder:

Present Condition: Very good

Number of Stories: Two and one-half

Materials of Construction: Foundation - stone

Exterior walls - brick

Interior walls - plaster,
the halls and most of the
rooms have chair rails

Inside brick chimneys

Roof - pitch, with dormers,
slate

Historical Data:

The date stone in the west elevation is inscribed "1725 E. R. H. D."; this is the approximate date of the original portion of the building and has been arrived at through a search of the old records by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Hendrickson Douglas, the present owner; the initials are her own. The east section was built after the west.

At various times in its existence the house has been used as a tavern. The earliest dates obtained showing its use as a tavern are 1765 and 1775. In 1813 it was advertised as a building fifty by twenty feet and part of it as three stories high.

In 1848 it still served as a tavern. It was purchased by the Camden and Amboy Railroad and was used as a hotel and restaurant. The name by which it was known was the Wharf Tavern. The west end of the building faces the river and the Wharf served as a landing. Passengers who came in packets from Philadelphia boarded the Camden-Amboy trains here. After the house was abandoned by the railroad, it was altered and became a three family house. The interior has since been restored; however, effects of the subdivision are still to be seen.

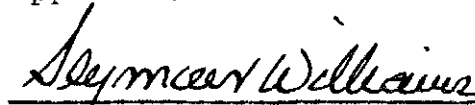
In the north end there is an unusually fine stairway which is beautifully trimmed. The two rooms facing the river have fine mantels. In the basement there is an interesting but dilapidated fireplace.

Bibliography:

Field book and drawings of the survey


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